

# AYERS AND BYRD OPEN CAMPAIGN IN NINTH

Enthusiastic Gathering at Marion Greets Democratic Speakers.

**PRIZE WOODROW WILSON**

Congressional Nominee Lays Special Stress Upon the Tariff.

(Special to The Times-Dispatch.)  
Marion, Va., September 2.—In the presence of a large and representative audience, including Democrats and Republicans, and Bull Moose, General Rufus A. Ayers, the Democratic nominee for Congress in the Ninth Virginia District, formally opened his campaign here to-day.

The occasion had been well advertised over the county, and this being court day and also Labor Day, many of the citizens found it convenient to come to the city, regardless of their political faith. The Democrats of the county were especially interested, for they feel that never in recent years were the signs of the times more favorable to them. They anticipate a material slump for the Republicans in at least a number of the counties, owing to the "Moose" sentiment, and to the fact that Representative Slemmons is looked upon as a "standpat" administration Republican.

General Ayers was introduced by Dr. John L. Buchanan, who began his remarks in the midst of prolonged applause. Dr. Buchanan was associated with General Ayers in the service of the State government from 1886 to 1893. The two men knew each other intimately. General Ayers was then Attorney-General of the State, while Dr. Buchanan was Superintendent of Public Instruction. He complimented General Ayers in high terms, declaring that he was always ready to do the duty of his office, and that as Attorney-General he made a record that commends him to the people of Virginia in his present aspirations to represent this district in Congress.

General Ayers came forward amid deafening applause, which was kept up for some minutes before he was able to begin his speech. After a few introductory remarks of a pleasant nature, General Ayers entered upon the discussion of the issues of the campaign, laying special stress upon the tariff in its relation to the high cost of living.

**Byrd Lands Ayers.**  
Following General Ayers, Richard Evelyn Byrd, retiring Speaker of the House of Delegates, was introduced by Judge Fudge. Mr. Byrd lauded General Ayers in very positive terms. He spoke of his distinguished services as Attorney-General and of how, when the fortunes of Virginia were at stake, he stood firm in his position in defense of the honor of the State, and submitted to going to prison rather than yield a point.

"Because of this and other services," Mr. Byrd said, "the name of General Ayers is a household word among the people of my section of the State. They revere him and want to see him elected to Congress by a flattering majority in November."

Mr. Byrd, referring to the Republican party, said that it would not be necessary for him to waste words in giving a description of the misdeeds of either faction of that party, as colored Roosevelt and Mr. Taft were both familiar with the situation and he was willing to trust to each of them to tell the truth about the other. He referred appropriately to the nomination of Woodrow Wilson for the presidency. "Whenever this country faces a crisis that calls for a great and good man, Virginia is always ready with the man. It has furnished a list of such men in the past and to-day it presents Woodrow Wilson as the man to deliver this country from the political thralldom which threatens the prosperity of all the people."

This sentiment was loudly cheered. General Ayers said in part: "Without solicitation on my part, the Democrats of this district placed their banner in my hands and committed me to the duty of carrying it to victory, and if I read aright, the determination I see on the faces of Smyth County's Democracy, victory will surely come."

"I stand squarely upon the Democratic platform as interpreted by Woodrow Wilson in his clear-cut, logical and unambiguous speech of acceptance. My life here should be a guarantee for my belief in the great rank of sane progressives. For more than a third of a century I have been identified with and aggressively progressive in every line of human endeavor, progress and development of my section in the Southwest. When I began to take part in this development of the railroad from Radford to Bristol was the extent of our transportation facilities, and to-day there are more miles of railroad in Wise County than there were then in all Southwest Virginia."

The part I have taken in this development is well known, and I trust I may say, without exultation, that I am not ashamed of it. I stand for every sane progressive measure now at issue before the people."

**A Friend of Slemmons.**  
"I want to say of my competitor, the Republican nominee, Mr. Slemmons, that I have known him from his early boyhood, and we have been and are now the best of friends. I have watched his career with much interest, as he has steadily risen by his own efforts, application and ability to become a distinguished citizen and chosen to represent this district in Congress for three terms. If it required me to say aught against him personally to secure my election, it would remain unsaid."

"We, however, differ politically as

wide as the poles, and I shall criticize and discuss his political record, and that of his party, freely and fully, and concede the same right to him."

"From the foundation of our government throughout the formative period of the nation, it was the Democratic party that molded and shaped its destinies as it grew and expanded and became strong and powerful. For the last half of a century it has been a minority party, with the exception of eight years, but throughout all its history it has steadfastly resisted all encroachments upon the rights of the people, and its continued and untiring efforts have at last aroused the people to the dangers that beset them and the institutions established by them, until now, in overwhelming strength and solid phalanx, the people, irrespective of party, under democratic leadership, are marching upon the citadels of entrenched privilege with admitted certainty of victory."

**Five Years' Peace and Labor Unrest.**  
With the autumn of 1907 there was ushered in under Republican administration the most stringent nation-wide financial panic that this country has known in all its history. It became necessary for the banks throughout the country to organize into associations and to issue their certificates or notes, which were circulated and used in the place of the currency which should have been in the hands of the people for their needs. This panic has continued for more than five years up to the present moment of time, with some fluctuation, but it exists to-day with almost the same stringency that it had at its beginning. Following upon it, serious and deep-seated labor troubles arose in all parts of the country, and these troubles have continued to the present moment of time.

"Simultaneously with these financial and labor troubles the people of the country awoke to the high cost of living, that the necessities of life were costing them more than they could pay for. In many places there was dire poverty and naked want."

"The responsibility for these conditions lies upon the Republican party. For nearly four years preceding their election the Republican party was in absolute control of government, and for four years since these conditions arose they continued in control, with promises of redress and remedy, all of which have been unfruitful and barren of results."

"Notwithstanding these conditions for the origin of which they are responsible, and for the continuance of which they are responsible, this party has the temerity to ask for its continuation in power."

**Admitted Failure of Republican Party.**  
The Republican party itself has admitted its failure. Its idol and chief exponent until the last two months, the man whom it made the chief magistrate of this great country, has admitted its failure, and himself charges it with the repudiation of its platform, and with wilfully breaking its pledges and covenants with the people. He has repudiated it in no uncertain language, for at the first Antislavery Convention he said that he stood at the altar of the Republic, and that he would be "Battled for the Lord." No thoughtful Republican will claim that the Taft administration has been anything else than a failure, and the patriotic Republicans, who have the good of their country at heart, have turned from Taft and his supporters, and are under the leadership of Roosevelt, fighting to right some of the wrongs and mistakes for which the Republican party is responsible. If the results of the Republican rule and the formation from the Republican ranks of a new party did not admit the failure of the Republican rule, then it is not possible to make such an admission."

**Causes Responsible Therefor.**  
"Discussing the platform, the first and most important feature is tariff reform. This again cites the declaration so often made that the Federal government under the Constitution, has no right or power to impose or collect tariff except for the purposes of revenue, and demands that the collection of such taxes shall be limited to the necessities of government, honest and economically administered. This proposition enunciates a principle as solid as the Rock of Ages and as true as Holy Writ."

"The eyes of Republican Congressmen and the Republican President are turned with the gaze upon the manufacturers and fail to see the great army of middle class and the very poor who constitute the great bulk of the people—these people being the ultimate consumers upon whom the payment of the tariff tax finally rests. We have approximately 95,000,000 people in the United States. A few thousand of them are millionaires. A few hundred thousand are independently wealthy, but as compared to them we have a great many millions whose wages fall below \$1,000 per annum, the average being less than \$500, many falling below \$200. It is upon this great host of toiling humanity that this burden of tariff falls. Could this great body of the people be marshaled, what a procession it would make!"

"If this great host could pass in review before Congress, their bitter, unheeded petitions would be granted, and we could again have the temerity to vote for a protective tariff upon the necessities of life. It is wonderful that the people are aroused as they have never been before, and are firmly determined to vote out of power the party that is responsible for all this distress and want, the party that is responsible for the great inequality in the distribution of the wealth earned by the sweat of the brow of millions but enjoyed by the chosen few, protected in their special privileges."

"The Republican party promised relief in the platform upon which President Taft was nominated four years ago, but has utterly failed to keep the

promise. The President twice vetoed bills lowering the tariff passed by both houses and sent to him for approval. There is no hope of relief from the Republican party. And the voice of the people will be step down and out on March 4."

**Demands of the People.**  
"The platform adopted by the national convention to which your candidate for President and all other Democrats are pledged to enforce and maintain by legislation, has met with the enthusiastic and unanimous endorsement of a united party, and should fully satisfy the requirements of all the same demands of progressive men of all parties."

"The voice of the people has been given little weight in influencing the legislation of recent years. The Democracy of the nation is to be congratulated upon nominating a candidate for President who hears this voice and is absolutely untrammelled and free to serve the interests of the people. To use his own language:

"We represent the desire to set up an untrammelled government, a government that cannot be used for private purposes, either in the field of business or in the field of politics; a government that will not tolerate the use of the organization of a great party to serve the personal aims and ambitions of any individual, and that will not permit legislation to be employed to further any private interest. It is a great conception, but I am free to serve it, as you also are, I could not have accepted a nomination which felt me bound to any man or group of men. No man can be just who is not free, and no man who has to show favors ought to undertake the solemn responsibility of government in any rank or post whatever, least of all in the supreme post of President of the United States."

This is the kind of man selected to lead in the progressive march to restore popular government."

**Election of Senators and Income Tax.**  
"The platform demands the constitutional amendments for an income tax, and the election of Senators meets with universal approval by the people, as well as the provision for public election of campaign expenses. No honest man can object to the utmost publicity being given to the expenditure he makes in securing his nomination and election, and all should be forced to do so, that the people may know the influences that were brought to bear. The pledge to enact laws prohibiting corporations from contributing to a campaign fund, and individuals from contributing, and to limit over a reasonable maximum is in line with the most progressive and advanced thought and meets the approval of all patriots."

**Term of President.**  
"The pledge committing the party to the support of a constitutional amendment making the President of the United States ineligible to reelection meets the approval of a large majority of the people, without regard to party affiliation. This action should be taken at the earliest date possible, so that no incumbent of the high office can ever hereafter use the influence of an army of Federal officers and employees in securing a re-nomination."

General Ayers then reviewed at considerable length the work of the Democratic House of Representatives, declaring that it fulfilled the campaign promises of 1910. He pointed out many reforms and reforms and reforms which passed the House. Continuing, he said:

**Purity of the Ballot.**  
"In my opinion the greatest evil, the parent of all evils, that has been inflicted upon the people is the corruption of the ballot. By corrupting the great moneyed interests and combinations have been enabled to stifle and suppress the voice of the people, control legislation in their interest and thwart the functions of government."

The Harrison contribution of \$250,000, the Archibald contribution of \$125,000 for the Standard Oil, were contributed to some end. Were they contributed in the interest of good government and fair play, or were their contributions made for the purpose of influencing legislation favorable to them? There he but one answer to this question. The Republican party has succeeded in retaining power for many years solely by the use of such immense contributions by corporations, trusts, monopolies and combined wealth. These contributions have been used in corrupting the ballot and paid by placing upon the statute books of the laws enabling the contributors to levy upon taxpayers untold millions more than their contributions. My personal views on the question of purity of the ballot are expressed in a letter and appeal made to the voters of the district soon after the nomination."

"In conclusion, let us hope that the movement we are inaugurating to purify the ballot will grow and spread until it pervades the nation. Let us hope to see the minds and consciences of our people quickened and aroused to the responsibility resting upon them to elect and re-elect mankind, to battle for truth and higher standards of virtue and morality. Let us hope that we shall succeed in restoring our government to the high ideals of our forefathers. Let us hope that we shall escape the lust for gold, the weakening of patriotism, the decay of public virtue, the lack of moral law, the perils which threaten all free institutions; that we shall mount upward, that we shall grow better. Let us hope and believe that to future generations the institutions, restored as they were transmitted to us and which we in turn transmit to them, shall seem as dear and liberty as sweet, and progress as glorious, as they were to our fathers and are to you and me; that these institutions which have made us free and happy shall not perish, but preserved by us, shall bless those who come after us, shall bless the remotest generations of the time to come."

**Campaign Opens at Jonesville.**  
(Special to The Times-Dispatch.)  
Bristol, Va., September 2.—With hundreds of citizens, including men of both parties, in attendance, the Ninth District campaign was opened at Jonesville for Lee County to-day, both parties being represented. The Democrats had the courthouse for the forenoon and a large audience listened to stirring campaign speeches by J. Norment Powell, a prominent attorney of Wytheville, and a former Commonwealth Attorney Preston W. Campbell, of Washington County. Both of these men made stirring appeals to the citizens of Lee County in the interest of General Ayers, the Democratic nominee for Congress, and for the support of Wilson for President.

The Republicans were in charge of the courthouse in the afternoon, when enthusiastic supporters of Slemmons made noisy demonstrations. Speeches were made by Charles S. Pendleton, Republican district chairman; former State Senator John C. Noel and A. P. Crockett, secretary to Representative Slemmons.

(Special to The Times-Dispatch.)  
Bristol, Va., September 2.—With positive information from Representative C. B. Slemmons that he will again make the race for Congress in the

Ninth Virginia District, the new district chairman, Charles S. Pendleton, to-day named the following committee to officially notify Slemmons of his nomination: M. G. Ely, of Jonesville, chairman; E. H. Witten, of Grimesville; C. G. Alderson, of Lebanon; John W. Eckman, of Pulaski; J. W. Dougherty, of Gate City; W. D. Spratt, of Tazewell County; H. E. Widener, of Abingdon; L. E. Horton, of Big Stone Gap, and J. Wilson McGavock, of Wytheville.

**LABOR DAY FETE DREW BIG CROWD**  
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longest together in married harmony. They were married in 1890.

**Prize-Winning Babies.**  
The infant son of J. P. Burchen, of 111 Louisiana Street, took first prize in the baby show, and Master Dolan, of 324 South Pine Street, the second prize. In the five to ten-year-old class, Miss Mosby, of 214 H Street, won first prize in the girls' division. Percy Riddick, of 112 North Twenty-seventh Street, took first prize in the boys' class.

The judges in all of the contests were G. T. Matthews, of Rocky Mount; N. C. R. Knight, of South Richmond, and George Martin, of this city. In the dancing contest first honors went to C. C. Davis, of 214 North Thirtieth Street, and Miss Minnie Crowder, of 316 West Seventh Street. South Richmond. The second prize was won by G. M. Tinsley, of 2164 Taylor Street, and Miss Goldie Levin, of 216 North Twentieth Street.

**Other Events.**  
The winners in the other races were Bruce Gaiden, running broad jump, and W. H. Burr, 200-yard dash. The Tyler baseball team won from the Barton Heights nine by a score which no one yesterday afternoon was able to determine.

Horse racing began at 2:30 o'clock with a number of fast entries. This feature was in charge of W. J. Carter, of South Richmond, who officiated as starter. R. W. Moore was clerk of the course. The winners were:

Free-for-all race—Lady Wealth, first; Littleton, second; Welling, third. Time, 1:29 1/4.

One mile, 122 paces—Nellie Meena, first; Bayard II, second; Kelly King, third. Time, 2:22.

Road race—Ralest, first; Annie Virginia, second; Uncle David, third. Time, 1:27 1/4.

Special race—The Spaniard, first; Joe Dillon, second; Baron Cal, third. Time, 1:52.

**FATAL FALL FROM SCAFFOLD.**  
One Man's Life Crushed Out and Other

seriously injured.  
(Special to The Times-Dispatch.)  
Spencer, N. C., September 2.—Jack Huffman, age thirty-five years, an employee of a construction force on the Southern Railway, was killed and J. McChesney, a fellow-workman, was seriously injured in Spencer this afternoon. The accident occurred while the falling of a scaffold, eighteen feet high to the ground, both men falling head and heavy pile fell on his chest, inflicting a deadly blow. He was carried to a hospital and died in about two hours. His home is at Elon College, to which place his body was sent.

McChesney was given medical attention and will recover.

**GARDNER WINS BY ONE VOTE.**  
Elected President of Common Council of Danville.

(Special to The Times-Dispatch.)  
Danville, Va., September 2.—The new Common Council and the Board of Aldermen met for the first time this afternoon and organized. By the narrow margin of one vote, D. R. Gardner was elected president of the Common Council. His opponent, Julius Swann, was elected seven votes. W. T. Swann was elected mayor.

The Board of Aldermen unanimously adopted the report of the Board of Aldermen, and the Board of Aldermen unanimously adopted the report of the Board of Aldermen.

**MARKETS**  
CATTLE MARKETS.  
Chicago, Ill., September 2.—Close: Cattle—Receipts 15,000 head. Market strong. Higher calves generally. Lower Beves. \$5.75 to \$6.00; Texas steers, \$4.50 to \$4.75; cows and heifers, \$3.50 to \$4.00; calves, \$5.00 to \$5.50; pigs, \$4.00 to \$4.50; bulk of sales, \$4.00 to \$4.50. Sheep—Receipts 11,000 head. Market steady. Higher X's, \$4.00 to \$4.25; western, \$3.50 to \$3.75; yearlings, \$3.00 to \$3.25; native, \$2.50 to \$2.75.

New York, September 2.—Beaver—Receipts 1,100 head. Sixty cars on sale. Steady to the high; bulls and cows, \$6.00 to \$6.50; steers, \$5.00 to \$5.50; bulk, \$4.50 to \$5.00; cows, \$4.00 to \$4.50; calves, \$3.50 to \$4.00; pigs, \$3.00 to \$3.50; bulk of sales, \$2.50 to \$3.00. Sheep—Receipts 11,000 head. Market steady. Higher X's, \$4.00 to \$4.25; western, \$3.50 to \$3.75; yearlings, \$3.00 to \$3.25; native, \$2.50 to \$2.75.

**MARINE INTELLIGENCE.**  
PORT OF RICHMOND, SEPTEMBER 2, 1912.  
ARRIVED  
Steamer Brandon, Harney, Norfolk, merchandise and passengers, Old Dominion Line.  
Steamer Berkeley, Shelby, Norfolk, merchandise and passengers, Old Dominion Line.  
Steamer Pocahontas, Graves, Norfolk and James River landings, merchandise and passengers, Virginia Navigation Company.  
Steamer Aurora, Furman, Petersburg and James River landings, merchandise and passengers, Furman Line.

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## CONDENSED STATEMENT—September 2, 1912

RESOURCES.	
Loans and discounts.....	\$13,644,717 21
Other stock and bonds.....	854,845 84
United States Bonds.....	1,953,500 00
Premium on United States Bonds.....	6,578 33
Cash and due from banks.....	3,707,991 43
	\$20,167,632 81
LIABILITIES.	
Capital Stock.....	\$2,000,000 00
Surplus and undivided profits.....	1,022,000 00
Unearned discount.....	107,352 64
Accrued interest and taxes.....	77,644 09
Unpaid dividends.....	924 62
Circulation.....	1,843,897 50
United States bond account.....	1,034,400 00
Deposits.....	13,314,461 63
Deposit at trustee's committees.....	766,952 33
	\$20,167,632 81

James River landings, merchandise and passengers, Furman Line.

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